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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, SHUM, CI  
SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT ASSASSINATION CASE

REFS: (A) STATE 216097, (B) SANTIAGO 6448

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTTEL A, I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CUBILLOS AT 1300 HOURS AUGUST 28. I INFORMED HIM THAT MANUEL CONTRERAS HAD CALLED AN EMBASSY OFFICER LAST WEEK ASKING TO SEE HIM, THAT THE OFFICER HAD REFUSED TO GO TO SEE CONTRERAS, BUT HAD AGREED TO RECEIVE AN EMISSARY. I TOLD CUBILLOS THE SUBSTANCE OF CONTRERAS' MESSAGE AND THE USG VIEW THAT THIS CONSTITUTES BLACKMAIL. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE REPLIED TO CONTRERAS BY THE SAME CHANNEL, TELLING HIM THAT OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE CIA WOULD NOT MEET WITH CONTRERAS' LAWYERS UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT ASSISTANT US ATTORNEY PROPPER WILL MEET WITH THEM ONLY TO DISCUSS THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CRIMINAL CASE AGAINST CONTRERAS. I TOLD CUBILLOS THAT I HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO BRING THIS MATTER TO HIS ATTENTION BECAUSE OF THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE  
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2. CUBILLOS SAID HE WAS DISTURBED BY MY NEWS BUT ADDED THAT HE WAS NOT VERY SURPRISED. HE SAID THAT THE LAWYERS FOR CONTRERAS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SEE HIM AND INTERIOR MINISTER FERNANDEZ BECAUSE THEY WANT A PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM THE GOC THAT CONTRERAS WILL NOT BE EXTRADITED UNDER

ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. CUBILLOS NOTED THAT HE CANNOT, OF COURSE, GIVE ANY SUCH ASSURANCES, THE DECISION ON EXTRA-DITION BEING UP TO THE SUPREME COURT. CUBILLOS THANKED ME FOR HAVING BROUGHT THE CONTRERAS' PROPOSAL TO HIS ATTENTION AND HOPED I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE GOC HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. I SAID I DID AND THAT WAS WHY I WAS BRINGING THE MATTER TO HIS ATTENTION.

3. HE THEN ASKED ME IF I KNEW WHO WAS GOING TO WASHINGTON FOR CONTRERAS. I MENTIONED OLAVARRIA AND ROBLES LETELIER. CUBILLOS HAD NO COMMENT ON THE LATTER. REGARDING OLAVARRIAS, HE SAID HE IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS PERSONS AROUND, THAT HE HAS A REPUTATION OF CLAIMING SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORKINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CIA AND THAT HE IS INDEED VERY CLOSE TO CONTRERAS. HE SAID THAT OLAVARRIA HAD BEEN THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE FOR THE RUMORS OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE LETELIER CASE. CUBILLOS CONFIRMED THAT HE IS NOT A LAWYER AND SUGGESTED THAT HE IS SOME SORT OF ELECTRONICS EXPERT.

4. CUBILLOS ASKED ME WHO HAD BEEN THE EMISSARY FROM CONTRERAS TO AN EMBASSY OFFICER. HE SAID IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE GOC TO KEEP ABREAST OF CONTRERAS' ACTIVITIES AND ALLIES. I GAVE HIM ALVARO PUGA'S NAME.  
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